Watercraft, snowmobiles and mopeds must be registered with the Department of State and display a registration decal unless they are exempt. The decal cannot be transferred to another watercraft or vehicle. This brochure provides instructions for placing registration numbers and decals.

**Mopeds**
Mopeds must be registered unless they are operated only on private land. The moped registration number is printed on a three-year decal. The decal must be attached on the:
- Rear fender of a two-wheel moped, or
- Left rear fender of a three-wheel moped.

**Watercraft**

**Registration Number:** Watercraft owners must paint or permanently attach the assigned registration number on each side of the forward half of the vessel as high above the water line as possible. The number must contrast with the color of the background so it is visible and legible. All letters and numbers must be plain block characters at least 3 inches high, reading from left to right. Place a hyphen or leave space equivalent to the width of your letter “M” between the letters and numbers.

As an example:
- **MC 1234 ZZ** or **MC-1234-ZZ**

**Registration Decal:** The three-year watercraft registration decals must be attached to the forward half of the vessel on the same level as the registration number. Place each decal 3 inches to the right of the last letter in the registration number, reading left to right, on both sides of the vessel.

As an example:
- **MC 1234 ZZ**

**Documented Vessels:** On a vessel documented by the U.S. Coast Guard, the registration number does not have to be displayed. However, one registration decal must be attached to each side of the forward half of the vessel as high above the water line as possible.
**Snowmobiles**

**Trail Permit:** Each snowmobile used on public land must display an annual Snowmobile Trail Permit sticker. These are available from agents of the Department of Natural Resources such as local retailers or snowmobile dealers. Attach the Trail Permit sticker on the center line of the snowmobile directly above the headlight. Trail permits are not required for snowmobiles registered as a historic snowmobile.

**Fee - $45.00**

**Michigan Snowmobile Trail Permit**

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Permit is required under authority of P.A.99 of 1994, as amended. Violation of the provisions of this act may result in fines and/or imprisonment.

**Registration Decal:** All snowmobiles must be registered unless they are used solely on private land. Attach the three-year snowmobile registration decals on each side of the forward half of the cowl above the footwell of the snowmobile.

Historic snowmobile registrations receive a single decal which is placed above or below the headlight or, if not originally equipped with a headlight, on the forward half of the cowl above the footwell.

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